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1. THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES MET ON MAY 22 TO DISCUSS ENERGY QUESTION. THE COUNCIL APPROVED A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A STANDING COMMITTEE ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT WHICH IS TO REPORT TO THE COMMISSION BY THE END OF OCTOBER. THE COUNCIL DELETED FROM THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSED RESOLUTION (REFAIR) THE REFERENCES TO MINIMUM ENRICHING CAPACITIES NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY IN THE 1980' S. THE TEXT OF THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOLLOWS. (OTHER ASPECTS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ARE BEING REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.)

2. BEGIN TEXT: I. THE COUNCIL, HAVING TAKEN NOTE OF:

THE REPORT DRAWN UP BY THE SPECIAL STUDY GROUP OF THE CCNR WHICH THE COUNCIL INSTRUCTED AT ITS MEETING ON 16 AND 17 DECEMBER 1970 TO EXAMINE THE PROBLEM OF THE LONG- TERM SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO THE COMMUNITY;

THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION OF 27 MARCH 1973,

3. II. 1. WHEREAS THE CONCLUSIONS OF THAT REPORT ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF COMMUNITY SUPPLIES BEYOND 1980 ARE THAT SUPPLY DURING THAT PERIOD CANNOT BE GUARANTEED BY THE PLANTS CURRENTLY IN EXISTENCE;

4. 2. WHEREAS FURTHERMORE THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY THE OPERATORS OF THESE PLANTS REQUIRE LONG- TERM CONTRACTS TO BE CON- CLUDED AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS BEFORE THE FIRST DELIVERY;

5. ". WHEREAS DECISIONS TO CONSTRUCT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS MUST BE TAKEN FIVE OR SIX YEARS IN ADVANCE, AND IT IS THEREFORE ADVISABLE TO DEFINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A POLICY TO ENSURE SUPPLIES OF ENRICHED URANIUM ESSENTIAL TO COVER THE FORESSEEABLE NEEDS, FAILING WHICH A LAG IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IS LIKELY, SUCH AS TO IMPERIL THE ATTAINMENT OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF A COMMON ENERGY POLICY;

6. 4. WHEREAS CAPACITY FOR ISOTOPE SEPARATION MUST BE CREATED ON ECONOMIC TERMS AND IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO MAKE THE OPTIMUM CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SECURING ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLIES AND TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITY INDUSTRIES ENJOY THE MANY ADVANTAGES TO BE DERIVED FROM THE ACQUISITION OF ADVANCED TECHNIQUES AND FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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7. 5. WHEREAS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE FOREGOING OBJECTIVES CALLS FOR CLOSE CO- OPERATION BETWEEN UNDERTAKINGS IN THE MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE TAKEN OR INTEND TO TAKE STEPS TO PRODUCE EN- RICHED URANIUM, AND WHEREAS SUCH CO- OPERATION IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY IN THE

COMMUNITY,

8. III. CONSIDERS THAT,

1. IT IS NEEDFUL THAT THE COMMUNITY INDUSTRIES PROVIDE THEMSELVES WITH A URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAPACITY ENABLING THEM AT LEAST TO COVER, FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT DECADE, A SUBSTANTIAL AND INCREASING PROPORTION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. RESPONSIBILITY WILL REST WITH THE INDUSTRY TO FIX THE LEVEL OF EFFECTIVE CAPACITIES TO BE ACHIEVED ON THE BASIS OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATION;

9. 2. IT IS DESIREABLE TO ADOPT A POLICY TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY OBTAINS ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

10. HAS RESOLVED:

3. IN VIEW OF THE PRIMARY IMPORTANCE OF THESE PROJECTS FOR THE SECURITY OF COMMUNITY SUPPLIES AND IN THE INTEREST OF COMMUNITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THIS FIELD, TO SET UP A STANDING COMMITTEE ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT.

1. IV. THE TASKS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. TO KEEP MARKET SURVEYS ON ENRICHED URANIUM UP- TO- DATE IN THE LIGHT OF THE POTENTIAL AND THE GUARANTEES OFFERED BY DIFFERENT SUPPLIERS;

12. 2. TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE BASIC TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VARIOUS TECHNOLOGIES;

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13. 3. TO EXAMINE WAYS OF PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NECESSARY INDUSTRIAL CAPACITIES OF THE COMMUNITY AND TO FACILITATE COORDINATION OF ANY MEASURES INITIATED BY THE PARTNERS CONCERNED;

14. 4. THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT SHALL FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION AT THE END OF OCTOBER 1973 A REPORT FOR UNCLASSIFIED
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SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL BY 31 DECEMBER 1973.

15. V. THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT SHALL BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC BODIES AND UNDERTAKINGS CONCERNED, ON THE BASIS OF A MAXIMUM OF THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY EACH MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENT. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THE SECRETARIAL STAFF SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COUNCIL. THE COMMITTEE MAY BY COMMON AGREEMENT CALL ON REPRESENTATIVES OF AND UNDERTAKINGS IN NON-MEMBER STATES IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY. END TEXT.

16. COMMENT: THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION DIFFERS FROM THAT PROPOSED EARLIER BY THE COMMISSION ON TWO IMPORTANT POINTS:

(A) IT DOES NOT CITE MINIMUM ENRICHING CAPACITIES TO BE IN OPERATION BY SPECIFIC DATES IN THE 1980'S. ACCORDING TO A COMMISSION OFFICIAL, THE MEMBER STATES COULD NOT AGREE ON THE URGENCY FOR DECISIONS ABOUT MINIMUM ENRICHING CAPACITIES NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY. FRANCE FAVORED EARLY DECISION (LATE 1973 - EARLY 1974) AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION; THE TRIPARTITE MEMBER STATES (THE FRG, NETHERLANDS, AND THE UK) FELT THESE DECISIONS COULD COME SOMEWHAT LATER AND, THEREFORE, THE EVALUATION OF WHAT ENRICHING CAPACITIES ARE NEEDED COULD BE DEFERRED FOR SOME TIME AND UNDERTAKEN ON THE BASIS OF THEN-EXISTING SUPPLY-DEMAND AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATION. MOREOVER, THE TRIPARTITE POINT OF

VIEW PREVAILED THAT INDUSTRY, THE OWNERS OF SUCH PLANTS, SHOULD HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIXING THE CAPACITY OF THESE PLANTS (SEE PARA 8 ABOVE).

(B) ALSO, THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO " RIDE HERD" ON THE PROGRAMS, MEASURES AND INVESTMENTS DESIGNED TO ASSURE REALIZATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED MINIMUM ENRICHING CAPACITIES IN THE 1980' S.

17. TWO ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST TO US AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE NOTED: THE REFERENCE TO " OPERATORS OF THESE PLANTS" IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE CLEARLY REFERS TO AEC, ALTHOUGH WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY NAMING THE COMMISSION. ALSO, THE FINAL SENTENCE OF THE COUNCIL' S DECISION AUTHORIZES THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO CALL UPON INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS OF NON- MEMBER STATES FOR CONSULTATION. END COMMENT.

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